

releasing the bow string" in accordance with the Examiner's comments. As stated in the preamble, which is not necessary to define the invention but instead refers to the workpiece, the bow string release is used for engaging and releasing a bow string.

Because the trigger mechanism is no longer a portion of the invention as claimed in claim 1, the confusion referenced by the Examiner should be obviated. As such claims 1-11 are now believed allowable, as the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-11 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection.

Claims 15-20, & 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Bankstahl 5,417,197. Claims 15 and 23 have been cancelled.

With regard to claim 16, the claim, as amended, recites a constant trigger travel distance type release. In Bankstahl, manual adjustment of element 102 results in a change in trigger travel distance by changing the static position of cam 70. Bankstahl does not anticipate amended claim 16 because Bankstahl does not have a trigger lever having a constant trigger travel distance. Allowance of claim 16 is respectfully requested.

With regard to claim 17, Bankstahl nowhere discloses a housing having an axis substantially perpendicular to a bow string, and jaws that rotate about the axis independently of the housing. The Examiner will note that the jaws of Bankstahl include a head or support surface 22 in which a pair of jaws 26 and 28 are pivotably mounted, as indicated by the pivot pins 30 and 32. The jaws of Bankstahl are not free to rotate about an axis of the housing perpendicular to the bow string, independently of the housing, because the pins 30 and 32 as pictured in Bankstahl would preclude rotational movement independent of the housing. Allowance of claim 17 is requested.


With regard to claims 18, 19 and 20, these claims have been amended define a bowstring release having constant trigger travel distance. As stated previously, in Bankstahl, manual adjustment of element 102 results in a change in trigger travel distance by changing the static position of cam 70. Bankstahl does not anticipate amended claims 18-20 because Bankstahl does not have a trigger lever having a constant trigger travel distance. Allowance of claims 18-20 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 21 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the elements of independent claim 20. Because claim 20 is now believed allowable, allowance of claims 21 and 22 is requested.

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